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Overview

During July 2009, the Northern Command was in the middle of our summer season. This month, Northern Command officers handled 292 crashes. An overview of the crashes showed 175 were property damage, 114 were injury, and three were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 5.4% compared to last year. When compared to July of last year, fatal crashes decreased by 25%. As compared to last July, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased by 47% to 28 crashes. In our overall July 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 11 of our total crashes in the Northern Command, which is a 31% reduction from last July.

The officers in our command arrested 95 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .14%, well above the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 35 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 68 people on various charges over the month of July. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,762 speeding citations, 697 hazardous moving citations and 306 seat belt citations.

Our division was involved in three "Joining Forces" DUI checkpoints over the Independence Day holiday weekend. We conducted these checkpoints in Fallon, Spanish Springs and Incline Village.

Our division took part in the four-day "Driver's Edge" training program at the regional public safety training center. Over 1,200 teens and their parents participated in this driver's training program. The training emphasized accident causing areas such as, DUI's and seatbelts.

The Northern Command will continue to provide our best services to the motoring public as they travel on our Nevada Highways. I would like to thank all our officers and allied agencies on our individual and joint efforts within our region.

NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	July 09	July 08	% Change	June 09	% Change
Total Crashes	292	277	5.4%	283	3.2%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	175	192	-8.9%	192	-8.9%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	114	81	40.7%	87	31.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	4	-25.0%	4	-25.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	11	16	-31.3%	16	-31.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	4	0.0%	4	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	28	19	47.4%	20	40.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	22	14	57.1%	14	57.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6	5	20.0%	5	20.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.0%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.8%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 50.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 9.6%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	July 09		July 08	% Change		June 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	11		16	-31.3%		16	-31.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	84		131	-35.9%		93	-9.7%
Other Arrests	364		513	-29.0%		419	-13.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	163		259	-37.1%		189	-13.8%
Speed violations	2762		2667	3.6%		2451	12.7%
Hazardous moving violations	697		837	-16.7%		770	-9.5%
Occupant restraint violations ##	306		424	-27.8%		352	-13.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	6227		7229	-13.9%		5998	3.8%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	31		38	-18.4%		13	138.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	37		29	27.6%		12	208.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	617		674	-8.5%		644	-4.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		3	-300.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	278		374	-25.7%		303	-8.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2267		2117	7.1%		2103	7.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	99		113	-12.4%		107	-7.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	89		82	8.5%		82	8.5%
Total school buses inspected	47		170	-72.4%		40	17.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	7		10	-30.0%		11	-36.4%
Total trucks weighed	1350		703	92.0%		1453	-7.1%
Total overweight citations	14		27	-48.1%		24	-41.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	289		329	-12.2%		232	24.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		5	-80.0%		1	0.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July 2009	July 2008	% Change	June 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	228905	158348	44.6%	230661	-0.8%
CAD Incidents	19458	19975	-2.6%	19358	0.5%
Telephone Calls	17292	18799	-8.0%	15907	8.7%
CAD Logs	155697	162937	-4.4%	145480	7.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	322	338	-4.73%	260	23.85%
Arrest Reports Processed	215	313	-31.31%	243	-11.52%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	37	59	-37.29%	40	-7.50%
Office Accident Reports Taken	24	18	33.33%	19	26.32%
Citations Processed	4002	4587	-12.75%	3844	4.11%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1	4	-75.0%	0	100.0%
Visitors at Counter	188	91	106.59%	246	-23.58%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$729.00	\$849.50	-14.18%	\$791.00	-7.82%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	681	1307	-47.9%	645	5.6%
Warrants Entered	625	273	128.9%	878	-28.8%
Warrants Cleared	690	491	40.5%	378	82.5%
Warrants Validated	1582	419	277.6%	1761	-10.2%
Extradition / Transports	41	22	86.4%	36	13.9%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.14 %
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 35 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Five (5) contracts using 248.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$20,697.42

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
42	3	7	0	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
69	110	3	0	3	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- The Division managed to stay busy communicating with the media at the beginning of the month due to the three “Joining Forces” DUI checkpoints scheduled for the 3-day Independence Day holiday weekend.
- Troopers assisted other law enforcement agencies at those administrative roadblocks in Fallon, Spanish Springs and Incline Village. These checkpoints, coupled with the numerous pre-holiday weekend traffic safety interviews, helped to contribute to northern Nevada not encountering one fatal crash on our state’s highways and state routes. Although we previewed the checkpoints with our local radio, print and television media outlets, we did not disclose the actual locations in an effort to create more awareness to these campaigns.
- We were proud to be a part of the 6th annual “Drivers Edge” 4-day teen driving program that took place at the regional public safety training center in Reno. Over 1,200 teens and parents had the opportunity to take part in 4 modules during each of the half-day sessions. Troopers emphasized their talking points centered on common accident causing contributing factors, seat belts, DUI awareness and education and reinforced the talking points with the Seat Belt Convincer trailer and the Fatal Vision or “drunk” goggles.
- As we approach the month of August we anticipate staying busy with several community events taking place in our area beginning with the annual “Hot August Nights” event.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command airplane made twenty-three (23) flights during July for a total of 60.7 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
8	29.3	49	Speed Enforcement
11	26.2	43	Prisoner Transport
2	2.1	3	Personnel Transport
1	2.1	3	Property Transport
1	1.2	2	Maintenance

Ten (10) speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; eight (8) were flown. One was cancelled due to a lack of manpower and one was cancelled for a personnel transport to Las Vegas. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	288
Hazardous	6
Non-Hazardous	40
Seat belt	2

During the course of enforcement, eight (8) motorists were assisted and two misdemeanor arrests were made. The high speed for the month occurred on July 28- a black Nissan pickup was clocked on IR 80 at Mustang at 95 mph.

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